

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 421

HOUSE BILL NO. 1495

By Representatives Maggart, Dennis, Curt Cobb, Ty Cobb, Bone

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 726

By Senators Watson, Berke

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 31, Part 1, relative to polysomnography.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, 63-31-101(9)(A), is amended by deleting the language "Practice of polysomnography" means the staging and scoring of sleep by performing any of the following tasks, under the general supervision of a licensed physician:" and by substituting instead the following:

(9)(A) "Practice of polysomnography" means the staging and scoring of sleep by continuous and simultaneous monitoring of the stages of sleep and wake through use of an electroencephalogram (EEG), an electroculogram (EOG), and a submental electromyogram (EMG), in conjunction with the recording and monitoring of other physiological variables, and the assignment of values for duration, frequency, and type of event to each stage of sleep in which the event occurred. The following tasks are considered a part of the practice of polysomnography only when performed as part of the staging and scoring of sleep under the general supervision of a licensed physician:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, 63-31-107(a)(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a)(5) Respiratory therapists who provide polysomnography services shall be credentialed as a registered polysomnographic technologist by the board of polysomnographic technologists, or as a sleep disorders specialist by the national board for respiratory care, or have undergone a standardized, uniform mechanism to document competency in polysomnography as approved by the Tennessee board of respiratory care with documentation of passage of such mechanism made available at the request of the board of respiratory care. The Tennessee board of respiratory care shall consult with the Tennessee board of medical examiners in the development of such mechanism. Such consultation with the board of medical examiners shall be documented and the documentation, including any comments by the board of medical examiners regarding the mechanism developed by the board of respiratory care, shall be filed with the chairs of the house health and human resources committee and the senate general welfare, health and human resources committee. Respiratory

therapists are not required to have a second license as a polysomnographic technologist.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 3, 2009



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11th day of June 2009



PHIL BREDEESEN, GOVERNOR